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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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I believe that this memorandum no longer  
applies in view of the new schedule by Dr.  
Charyk and our failure on the last A shot.

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7 September 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office  
SUBJECT: ARGON Scheduling

1. For your information and reference there are attached the formal documents which record the recommendation of the United States Intelligence Board on scheduling of ARGON. Action, in keeping with this recommendation, has already been accomplished by the NRO in establishing the ARGON scheduling, which included a shot in August and one in September. Accordingly, no further action is required.

HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.  
Deputy Director  
(Research)

Attachments:

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13 August 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT: ARGON Scheduling

1. The enclosed memorandum on the subject from the Chairman, Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance, states in paragraph 2 thereof that COMOR has agreed that a September firing of ARGON should be scheduled and that the Army report on the August shot would guide COMOR in its consideration of a final firing (late September or early October) in 1962.
2. The change in the CIA position reflected in the attached COMOR recommendation has the concurrence of General Carter and the approval of the Chairman of the United States Intelligence Board, as of 10 August 1962. It is consistent with the earlier concurrence by all other USIB members in a previous COMOR recommendation for ARGON shots in July and August, taking into account the one month's delay because the ARGON package was not ready in July.
3. Accordingly as recommended in paragraph 4 thereof, the enclosed memorandum is forwarded to you as a formal means of recommending the scheduling of ARGON shots as set forth in paragraph 2 of the enclosure. As proposed in paragraph 3 thereof, the enclosed memorandum is also being circulated to the USIB as an addendum to USIB-D-41.5/10.

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Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Memo dated 7 Aug 62 (TCS-12958-62-KH  
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cc: Chairman, COMOR

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5 September 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

VIA: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT:

Installations on Kamchatka

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1. The Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency has submitted to the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) a proposal that September [redacted] conducted, if feasible operationall, when weather is favorable to cover the anti-ballistic missile installations on Kamchatka.

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2. The COMOR noted the fact that requirements for coverage of the ABM facilities on Kamchatka have not been met despite coverage of the area by [redacted]

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3. The COMOR took note of certain operational factors:

a. That the weather over this area of Kamchatka improves in October and November but it is still marginal for photography.

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4. The COMOR concludes:

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a. That the ABM installations on Kamchatka are currently the highest priority targets [redacted] coverage in all of the Soviet.

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25X1D That a maximum effort should be made to obtain [ ] coverage of the ABM installations on Kamchatka in October or early November 1962.

25X1D 6. Recommendation: That, at the earliest opportunity, a [ ] not subsequent to the one now scheduled for 8 September be so fired as to provide maximum probability of successful photography of ABM targets on Kamchatka.

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James Q. Reber  
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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7 August 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary  
United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: ARGON Scheduling

REFERENCE: USIB-D-41.5/10; COMOR-D-48/7

1. On 9 July the Chairman, COMOR, informed its members of the CIA comment on the vote slip on the above subject (see reference) recommending a shot early in August and a COMOR look at the results as an aid to the original September scheduling. On 26 July the COMOR again discussed the ARGON schedule, with recognition of the fact that the ARGON could not go early in August. This late scheduling would not, therefore, permit COMOR to evaluate the August shot and then schedule for September.

2. Consequently COMOR agreed that the September firing should be scheduled and that the Army report on the August shot would guide COMOR in its consideration of a final firing (late September or early October) in 1962.

3. In view of the fact that the change in the CIA position was not reflected in the referenced publication because of the time sequence, it is now proposed that the USIB record be set straight through the issuance of this memorandum to the Board as an addendum to the reference.

4. It is recommended that you endorse this memorandum and forward it to the Project Director for ARGON, Dr. Scoville, as a formal means of recommending the scheduling of ARGON shots as set forth in paragraph 2 above.

James Q. Reber  
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

CONCUR:

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10 July 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: Executive Secretary of USIB  
SUBJECT: Evaluation of the First ARGON Mission  
and Proposed Future Schedule

1. This memorandum requests your approval of paragraph 4.
2. By vote slip the United States Intelligence Board has concurred (with exception noted in paragraph 3 below) in the recommendation of the COMOR that an ARGON satellite mission be scheduled for July, August, and September as noted in paragraph 4 of the attached paper (USIB-D-41.5/5). (The FBI abstained, AEC has no comment, State has no objection.)
3. Because of changes required to correct certain shortcomings in the first ARGON shot, it is not possible to have a mission ready for July. CIA concurs in the one for August but proposes that reconsideration be given after the ARGON shot on the question of scheduling for September.
4. Recommendation: That in the light of the foregoing the D/NRO be requested, by means of this memorandum to Dr. Scoville of the NRO, to schedule an ARGON mission in August and that the COMOR at the appropriate time submit the views of the Intelligence Community with regard to the scheduling of an ARGON in September.

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James Q. Reber  
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Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

Attachment: (USIB-D-41.5/5)

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The recommendation contained in  
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